

QUAINT CUSTOMS OF WORLD'S QUEER PEOPLE— WHERE WOMEN BREAK STONE ON THE ROAD



European roads are much better than American highways, and our tourists, rolling over the smooth, rock-ballasted thoroughfares in their automobiles, frequently comment on the superiority of the German pikes. The accompanying photograph portrays one reason why German roads are better than those in the United States.

The poor woman shown is breaking stone, doing her share toward maintaining the great boulevards

that criss-cross the empire. Of course, she doesn't have to break stone. No; she could pay her road tax of a few marks a year and the township authorities would hire men to do the work or send the chain gang from the nearest jail to do her share.

But she can't afford to pay the road tax, and so she must work it out, taking her children with her that she may watch them while she is doing it. One of her offspring is so young that it must be transported in a per-